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SUBJECT: USG/GOC BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

SAN SALVADOR FOR JURICH FROM AMBASSADOR

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

REF: SAN SALVADOR 302

1. I AM APPALLED BY REFTEL WHICH I READ AS
INDICATING A DECISION VIRTUALLY MADE TO APPLY
ARTICLE 3 ACTION AGAINST COLOMBIA. I WANT TO
EMPHASIZE TO YOU THAT I DO NOT RPT NOT YET ACCEPT
THE CONCLUSION THAT COLOMBIA WILL "STONEWALL" NEXT
WEEK, AND I DO NOT ACCEPT THE CONCLUSION THAT ARTICLE 3
ACTION IS REQUIRED TO FORCE THE ISSUE. I REMIND YOU
ALSO THAT WE TOLD THE GOC WE AGREED TO THESE INITIAL
TALKS NOW KNOWING FINAL DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE
REACHED LATER. TO NOW SUDDENLY SUBMIT A NOTE RE
ARTICLE 3 IS ALMOST A VIOLATION OF OUR GOOD
FAITH.

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2. HERE MAY BE ESOTERIC KINDS OF INFORMATION RECEIVED, BUT INDICATIONS HERE ARE THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, COLOMBIANS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE THESE TALKS SERIOUSLY AND PROGRESS WILL PROBABLY BE MADE. THE LOCAL INDUSTRY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS TOLD US THAT THEY ARE PRESSING THE GOC FOR PROMPT AND SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, A POSITION WHICH WILL HAVE ITS EFFECT.

3. PRESIDENT LOPEZ DID YESTERDAY RAISE THE GENERAL QUESTION OF TEXTILES WITH AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD, WHICH WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY, IN EFFECT ASKING FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. HE DID NOT GO INTO ANY TECHNICAL OR NEGOTIATING POINTS. THE PRESIDENTS ATTITUDE WAS CALM AND MODERATE, AND WE THOUGHT FORTHCOMING.

4. I BELIEVE THAT THE IMPACT OF THE TRADE ACT, THE NEW DIALOGUE, THE UPCOMING BUENOS AIRES MEETING, AND THE PRESIDENTS SPECIFIC, FRIENDLY AND CALM INDICATION OF WANTING TO TALK TO US ABOUT TEXTILES, ALL CREATE A VERY DEEP AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT POLITICAL DIMENSION. WHILE, AS YOU KNOW, I FULLY APPRECIATE THE PRESSURES WE ARE UNDER, THIS IS NOT A PURELY ONE-SIDED PROBLEM THAT CAN BE HANDLED ABSTRACTED FROM THE TOTAL POLITICAL-ECONOMIC PICTURE OR TOTAL US INTERESTS, NOR, I REPEAT, DO I BELIEVE THAT THE SITUATION HERE, EVEN IN THE PURELY TEXTILE TERMS, WOULD CALL FOR THESE TACTICS: AT LEAST THAT CASE IS NOT YET PROVEN.

5. I BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT YOU AND I HAVE A TALK ON SUNDAY BEFORE THE CONVERSATIONS BEGIN JAN 27.
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